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(**Exhibit A**). Copies of the references listed below as items 1-34 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-34**, respectively:

1. Abraham, E. P. and E. Chain, *Nature* **146**, 837 (1940) (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Perl, T. M., *Am. J. Med.* **106:5A**, 26S-37S (1999) (**Exhibit 2**);
3. Wright, G. D. and C. T. Walsh, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **25**, 468-473 (1992) (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Walsh, C. T., *Science* **261**, 308-309 (1993) (**Exhibit 4**);
5. Silva, J.C. et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **95** 11951-11956 (1998) (**Exhibit 5**);
6. Arthur, M. et al., *Gene* **103**, 133-134 (1991) (**Exhibit 6**);
7. Bugg, T. D. et al., *Biochem.* **30**, 10408-10415 (1991) (**Exhibit 7**);
8. Wu, Z. and C. T. Walsh, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **92**, 11603-11607 (1995) (**Exhibit 8**);
9. Xu, R. et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **121**, 4898 (1999) (**Exhibit 9**);
10. Ge, M. et al., *Science* **284**, 507-511 (1999) (**Exhibit 10**);
11. Sundram, U. N. et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **118**, 13107-13108 (1996) (**Exhibit 11**);

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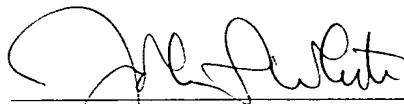
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14. Ulijasz, A. T. et al., *J. Bacteriol.* **178**, 6305-6309 (1996) (**Exhibit 14**);
15. Baptista, M. et al., *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* **40**, 2291-2295 (1996) (**Exhibit 15**);
16. Cheng, Y. et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **118**, 1813-1814 (1996) (**Exhibit 16**);
17. Burger, M., and W.C. Still, *J. Org. Chem.*, **60**, 7382-7383 (1995) (**Exhibit 17**);
18. Borchardt, A., and W.C. Still, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **116**, 373-374 (1994) (**Exhibit 18**);
19. Nelson, R.R., *Journal of Hospital Infection*, **42**, 275-282 (1999) (**Exhibit 19**).

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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